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## **ABSTRACT**

Vandalism nowadays is a burden to most of local authorities in our country. As frequently reported by mass media, vandalism has caused a lot of damages to the local authorities.

Vandalism looms largely in the flat development areas. The increasing need on subsequent rapid development of low cost flat housing may lead to unhealthy and unattractive housing areas which in turn gives rise to a greater incidence in vandalism.

Therefore, this dissertation is carried out to examine issues regarding the nature of the problem, to identify the influence factor by comparing three low cost flats developments in Klang Valley. It brings together approaches and measures which have been shown to be effective in reducing vandalism in particular circumstances.

Based on the study, it is hoped that the number of vandalism incidents could be reduced.

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# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.0 Introduction

' The nation is progressing well, but for whom? To me the nation is considered handicapped if there are not enough houses for the people, especially low and medium income ones' ( Datuk Seri Anwar, ex - Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, in the Star, Sept.11, 1996, p.1 ).

The text above was a part of speech given by ex- Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia regarding his concern about low and medium cost houses , whether it is sufficient enough to accommodate the needs of low and middle income people. The government has recognised that housing need becomes more pressing for the low-income group, particularly in the large urban area. Besides, there are a lot of squatters scattered all over Klang Valley recently which shows that the tension of house acquisition is mounting among the low income group people. Thus, to overcome this obstacle of nation development, several housing strategies has been adopted for implementation under Rancangan Malaysia 6, 7 and 8. One of the major strategies is to construct more low cost and medium cost houses especially in the urban area. Therefore, the erection of more high storeys low cost flats has been identified as an economic problem arising from the scarcity and cost of land. The increasing need on subsequent rapid